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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 7132
Yoshihiro UENO et al. : Docket No. 2001_1708A
Serial No. 10/003,829 : Group Art Unit 2652
Filed December 6, 2001 : Examiner B. Miller

HEAD SLIDER AND DISK DRIVE
APPARATUS USING THE SAME

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to the requirement to elect a single species, as set forth in the Office Action mailed February 22, 2004, applicants hereby elect the species I depicted in Figs. 1A-1B, 4A-4B and 6A. Claims 1 and 5-7 are readable on the elected species.

In view of this election, examination on the merits of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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